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1. NATIONAL CENTER FOR ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH (NCAR) PLANS TO

FERRY USG-OWNED BEEHCRAFT QUEEN AIR MODEL A80 (REGISTRY

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N304D) TO WEST AFRICA TO TAKE PART IN NATIONAL SCIENCE

FOUNDATION(NSF)-FUNDED COASTAL UPWELLING ECOSYSTEMS ANALYSIS (CUEA) PROJECT AIMED AT WATERS OFF CAP BLANC (REF A,B). PROPOSED ITINERARY CALLS FOR PLANE TO DEPART BANGOR, MAINE O/A FEB 4, ARRIVING NOUADHIBOU, MAURITANIA ABOUT FEB 14. FLIGHT ROUTE INCLUDES FUEL STOPS ARGENTIA NAVAL AIR STATION, NEWFOUNDLAND LAJES AIR FORCE BASE, AZORES AND LAS PALMAS, CANARY ISLANDS ABOVE DATES INCLUDE ALLOWANCE FOR SLIPPAGE DUE TO WEATHER, ETC. PLANE WILL BASE AT NOUADHIBOU AND CONDUCT RESEARCH FLIGHTS INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND SPANISH SAHARA TERRITORIAL SEA (IN AREA DESCRIBED REF A) FROM FEB 15 TO APRIL 1. AIR-CRAFT WILL FLY SELECTED PROFILES AT 500 FT ALTITUDE, USING ON BOARD SENSORS TO MEASURE AND RECORD SUCH DATA AS AIR AND SURFACE TEMPERATURE, HUMIDITY, AIRCRAFT POSITION, ETC. ALL FLIGHTS WILL COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE REGULATIONS. T.H.MCQUADE AND G.L.SUMMERS WILL FERRY AIRCRAFT; M.E.BUSCH, F.B.MEADOWS AND L.A.SHERRETZ WILL JOIN AT NOUADHIBOU. ALL ARE US CITIZENS.

2. DURING INSPECTION TRIP NOVEMBER, NCAR PERSONNEL MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO USE MIFERMA FACILITIES NOUADHIBOU ON SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS. FUEL SUPPLIES (AVGAS 100/130 AND 110/145 GRADES) SEEMED NO PROBLEM THEN.

3. FOR LISBON: ASSUME THIS USG AIRCRAFT IN SAME CATEGORY AS FAA AIRCRAFT WHICH USED LAJES SEPT 1973 (LISBON 3384) AND NO FORMAL CLEARANCE REQUIRED FROM GOP.

4. FOR MADRID: APPRECIATE EMBASSY SECURING, IF REQUIRED, OVERFLIGHT/LANDING CLEARANCE FOR FUEL STOP LAS PALMAS, AND PERMISSION OPERATE AIRCRAFT IN SPANISH SAHARA TERRITORIAL SEA. GIVEN FACT AIRCRAFT IS INTEGRAL PART OF CUEA PROJECT FOR WHICH CLEARANCE PROCEDURES INITIATED MONTHS AGO, BELIEVE GOS SHOULD BE IN POSITION EXPEDITE RESPONSE TO AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE REQUEST. WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE IF AIRCRAFT COULD USE AIRFIELD AT VILLA CISNEROS AS ALTERNATE TO NOUADHIBOU. ADVISE BY CABLE RE CLEARANCES, USE OF VILLA CISNEROS, AND CONFIRMATION UP TO 400 GALS FUEL AVAILABLE LAS PALMAS.

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5. FOR NOUAKCHOTT: APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION BY CABLE FUEL AVAILABLE NOUADHIBOU, AND WHETHER DIFFICULTIES FORESEEN IN SECURING PERMISSION FOR OVERFLIGHTS EN ROUTE TO AND FROM RESEARCH AREA. KISSINGER

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